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METHOD FOR HALFTONING A
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COLOR IMAGE HAVING AT
LEAST ONE GROUP OF
SIMILAR COLOR CHANNELS

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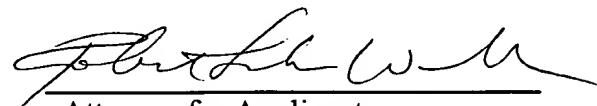
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